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Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether, during the Prakasam Ministry, a Committee was constituted to enquire into the possibility of giving Homœopathic treatment in this State and submit a report? May I also know, Sir, whether the Government have received the report of the Committee and if so, what the Government are going to do with that report? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" Government have not thought it necessary to take any action on the recommendations made in that report."

Sri B. K. NALLASAMY:—" In view of the fact that doctors possessing the M.B.B.S. degree are not available for rural dispensaries and in view of the fact that L.M.P. and L.I.M. Courses are not to be reintroduced, will the Government consider the question of opening short term courses in Allopathy "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" Sir, the question of making rural medical relief work effective and of finding men for this work is being considered by the Government. Government are shortly calling a conference of a few medical men to consider this question."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM:—" Although the Government may not agree that Homœopathic system is good or useful, will they at least desist from showing contempt for it in answering questions? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I am sorry, Sir, the Leader of the Opposition has misunderstood the answer of the Hon. the Minister for Public Health. The Hon. the Minister for Public Health said that a large number of Homœopathic practitioners had not gone through any course of training which may be genuine or which may be substantial but were simply carrying on with a book and a box of medicines. He made no observations with regard to the system."

Preparation of Ayurvedic medicines.

* 207 *Q.*—Sri K. V. RAMESAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the preparation of Ayurvedic medicines is exempted from the laws of Prohibition; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (*a*) The preparation of Ayurvedic medicines, other than those that contain ganja or bhang and asavas and arishtas, are exempted from the laws of Prohibition.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 208 *Q.*—Sri M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Doctors in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, are permitted to take consulting fee from the patients?